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SILICA-CONTAINING ARTICLE
AND INHIBITING BREAKS
DURING DRAWING OF OPTICAL
FIBER, AND SILICA-
CONTAINING ARTICLE
PROTECTED AGAINST BREAK-
INDUCING PARTICULATES

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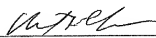
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